

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from the Templin Training Area 50X1-HUM

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

1. On the morning of 29 June 1951, from 300 to 350 infantrymen, in 10 groups, were engaged in infantry field training in the area east and southeast of Camp Hammelspring (N 54/U 81) near Templin. About 30 soldiers practiced with range finders near the captive balloons which were previously reported. About 50 to 60 trucks were parked on the eastern perimeter of the camp. Motor vehicles moving through Templin along the road to Hammelspring in the afternoon of 3 July [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
2. An engineer unit, whose personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets, was unloaded from a train at the Templin railroad station on 11 and 12 July, the train had come from the direction of Eberswalde. Included in the unloaded materiel were: motor vehicles [REDACTED] 1 motorboat; and 6 steel pontoons, 5 to 6 meters long and 3 to 4 meters wide. Some of the materiel was picked up by trucks [REDACTED] believed to have come from the training area. Upon detraining, the unit departed toward the former boarding school at Templin-Waldhof and apparently, proceeded toward Roedelin (N 54/U 81). \*\* 50X1-HUM
3. Soviet officers mentioned in the records of the Vereinigung Volkseigener Erfassungs- und Aufkaufbetriebe (Association of People's-Owned Enterprises for Purchasing Vegetable Products) included Lieutenant Colonel Grinshenko, (fnu); Majors Kuzmin, (fnu), and Semenov, (fnu); Captain Kovalenkov, (fnu), from the Fuerstenberg (N 54/U 52) area; Senior Lieutenant Drashnick, (fnu); and Lieutenants Repkov, (fnu), Zhuk, (fnu), and Tsi, (fnu). \*\*\*
4. Intensive military detraining operations at the Zehdenick, Vogelsang and Templin railroad stations on 10 and 11 July greatly handicapped regular rail traffic at these stations. On 10 July, fuel arrived by a train of 34 tank cars and was transloaded to trucks [REDACTED] and were driven and escorted by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Even after 15 flatcars and 18 boxcars were unloaded, all tracks at the Zehdenick railroad station were still congested with military rail shipments in the morning of 11 July. Troops and materiel unloaded there included: large groups of recruits with red-bordered black epaulets, who seemed to have received advanced training; 30 jeeps; 10 motorcycles; 1 six-wheel armored car; and about 200 trucks loaded with billeting equipment, crates and [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

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ammunition boxes. Three of the jeeps  
and 23 of the trucks

Immediately upon detraining, the troops departed toward Camp Vogelsang. Twelve T-34 tanks which were seen at the entrance to Camp Buewail

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5. Intensive detraining activity was observed at the Templin railroad station on 11 July. There were 116 railroad cars including: 8 flatcars loaded with engineer equipment, and 1 motorboat; other flatcars loaded with billeting equipment, ammunition and trucks

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and boxcars with soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and seemed to be trained recruits. After detraining, the troops departed toward Camp Hammelspring and toward the Grosser Buntel Lake via Aeddelin.

6. On the morning of 12 July, a troop train of 30 boxcars and flatcars, carrying troops and trucks respectively, was seen approaching Templin from the direction of Zehdenick. \*\*

\* Comment. The captive balloon was reportedly deflated at the beginning of July 1951. The motor vehicles mentioned in the present report belong to elements of the Fourth Gds Recz Army and to the GORF which have been in the Templin training area since April 1951.

\*\* Comment. The information on detraining operations at Templin confirms previous reports on troop trains going from the Schoenhausen area to Templin and Zehdenick. Three such trains were reported between 6 and 11 July 1951. It is debated that the train mentioned in paragraph 2 of the present report should have belonged to this series of trains, since it allegedly arrived in Templin from the direction of Eberswalde. The identity of the unit on that train cannot be established

\*\*\* Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Grinshenko, (fnu), is probably the Lieutenant Colonel Grinchenko who was mentioned in a document of May 1951 which was found at Camp Vogelsang. He is believed to belong to the 25th Tank Div. Captain Kovdenkov, (fnu), supply officer of an unidentified AT artillery regiment in the restricted Weisse Stadt settlement at Oranienburg. Major Zemyonov, (fnu), may be Captain Zemyonov, (fnu), supply officer of a tank unit of the 25th Tank Div

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